

Haseltine Newsletter 26th November 2021



Dear Parents, Carers, Families and Friends,

I hope that you are all well and that things are good for you and your families, not only at Haseltine but I hope everything is well at home for you too. Please remember that you can always come and have a chat with me, on the gate, on the phone or via email if there is something we can help with.

I cannot believe that we only have 3 weeks left until we break up for the Christmas holidays – Friday 17th December is our last day. We then return on Wednesday 5th January 2022.

Your children have been such busy learners – in class and out. This week, 4B & 4R went to Greenwich to learn how to be tour guides; this will then help them with their writing in class.

The classes have been pairing up these last couple of weeks for shared reading & also for shared maths learning: today I had the privilege of joining 4B & 6P for a shared maths problem solving session in the middle hall. It was great to see the older children modelling learning (as well as mathematical language) for the younger ones and also the younger children pointing out a few mistakes to the older ones 😊

Twitter



Haseltine has started to join the world of social media over the last couple of weeks and we are now making regular tweets on Twitter. Each year group has a 'handle' as well as there being a general handle for the school that I use to tweet on (I am finding the whole thing quite exciting and as I'm not on any social media platforms of any kind, I am finding myself still learning!). Mr Small also has one that he uses for sport notifications.

I have put everyone's 'handles' on below so that you can find us to follow on Twitter yourselves. This is a good way for you to see what is happening in school. Feel free to 'like' our tweets or to retweet them (please alert them to people who may be looking for a school place too), but please do realise that we cannot respond to any messages you may leave; we simply do not have the time to interact with Twitter in this way. If you have any questions or concerns or maybe even words of encouragement, then please chat to me, or your child's class teacher in the usual ways.

You will notice that we are not adding photos of children's faces at this stage nor their names on pieces of learning, this is because we are in the process of updating your permissions information (see below). We hope that you enjoy what you see 😊



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Permissions Information

By law, we must have permission from you for certain things in schools. For example, we need permission from you to take your children on local trips, to video them and also to add them to the internet etc. etc.

We will be sending this letter home to you next week and it is then vital that we get these back from you ASAP.

As you know, there will be no Christmas performances in school for parents again this year (our Covid concerns are still too great for us to allow so many people in one space – our risk assessments just won't allow it). We will therefore be sending home again a video clip of your children performing a song – it is NOT a Christmas song so this way everyone from every religion can join in and sing together: no one will be isolated. **However, if you do not return your permissions slip by the time we give you, then your child will not be able to perform and you will not be sent the clip.** Please make sure that you tick the correct boxes on the form. We will be collecting these slips at the gates, so if you need any advice – please ask.

There will also be a specific box to tick that would allow us to put your child on Twitter, just so that we are all clear about who can and who can't appear.

Thank you.

Natasha's Law

There is a new law in place that has tightened up regulations to protect people with food allergies, I'm sure that you will have heard about it on the news.

It means that we have to be much more careful around the handing out of food to children. From now on, if your child has a trip and you wish to request a packed lunch for your child, you must complete a request form beforehand stating which sandwich you require for your



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child. If you do not do this, we cannot (by law) give your child the food in the packed lunch. This means that your child would then have to go hungry on the trip.

I know that this sounds incredibly harsh and as teachers who care about your children, we are struggling with this somewhat but the law is the law and ultimately, it is there to protect our children.

Many thanks

Samba Showcase!

There will be a Samba show, from the children in yr4 and the Samba Club in years 5 & 6, after school on Tuesday as you pick your child up from school.

We hope that you enjoy the music and we hope to see you all dancing, or having a little jiggle at least 😊

Christmas Dinner Date

The children will be having their Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 15th December.

We will be sending out a letter to you next week and you will need to complete it and return by the 6th December if you wish for your child to eat a hot Christmas Dinner.

If your child is in yr3, 4, 5 or 6 and is NOT entitled to FSM, then you would also need to go on to Parent Pay to pay for this dinner.

If your child is in Reception or Yr1 or 2 or is entitled to FSM in any year group, then you do not need to pay BUT you would still need to complete the slip to request a dinner.

If your child normally has a school dinner then you will need to do absolutely nothing, they will get the Christmas dinner as their usual dinner.

Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 10th December is national Christmas Jumper Day – at Haseltine, everyone can join in with this as your jumper can be anything wintery, it does not have to be Christmas themed.

We will be contributing money raised from donations to the Jimmy Mizen Foundation. Please follow this link for further information: <http://mizenfoundation.org/>

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I look forward to seeing you all in your amazing jumpers – especially the ones with the flashing lights and songs!!! 😊😊😊

Have a very lovely weekend everyone. See you all on Monday.

Sara Anderman